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1. The replay filed 19/01/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s) : (see below). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above -mentioned replay appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
2. Newly submitted claims 18-23 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally presented claims are drawn to a method of treating migrains, comprising :
(a) providing i) a patient having one or more symptoms of a migraine and ii) a formulation comprising dihydroergtamine;
(b) administering said formulation to said patient sublingually under conditions such that one or more symptoms of said migraine are reduced; whereas the amended claims are drawn to a method of treating migrains, comprising : (a) providing i) a patient having one or more symptoms of a migraine and ii) a formulation comprising dihydroergtamine and STEROID; (b) administering said formulation to said patient sublingually under conditions such that one or more symptoms of said migraine are reduced. The originally presented claims require only dihydroerotamine for treatment of migraines and not STEROID and thus, the newly presented claims are drawn to a new invention.

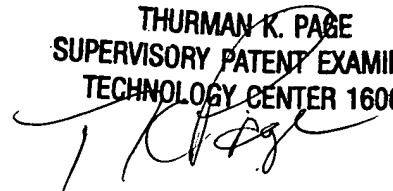
Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention , this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, said claims are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP 821.03. Failure to present claims drawn to the original invention which were examined on their merits before would result in abandonment of the application.

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